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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **GALA TO HONOR LAX VETERAN AS 'GUIDING LIGHT'**

Ethel Pattison will be honored for nearly 60 years of service to aviation education with the fourth annual Guiding Light Award from the Flight Path Museum and Learning Center at Los Angeles International Airport. The award will be presented at Flight Path's 18<sup>th</sup> annual Gala fundraiser on October 1 in the Proud Bird Restaurant, 11022 Aviation Blvd., Los Angeles.

Since beginning her LAX career in 1956, Pattison has served as chief airport guide, heading airport educational tours; as airport information specialist and historian, assisting students and other researchers; and as a board member and as operations chair of Flight Path, overseeing exhibits, library service and audio-visual productions.

"Ethel has been at the center of the airport's aviation education programs for many years," said Nancy Niles, Flight Path president. "She has a unique knowledge of Southern California aviation history and a special gift for communicating her enthusiasm to others."

In recognition of Pattison's contributions to LAX and aviation, the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners has named the rose garden adjacent to the airport's Clifton A. Moore Administration Building in her honor. She was presented the prestigious Los Angeles City Career Service Award in 1991. Born in Los Angeles, Pattison grew up in Hollywood and was graduated from John Marshall High School and the University of Southern California. She is a former United Airlines flight attendant and currently resides in Manhattan Beach.

The Flight Path Gala begins at 5:30 p.m. featuring the theme, "Yesterday: A Salute to the Sixties," showcasing a time of spectacular growth in aviation history, according to Event Chair Lynne Adelman. Included will be listening and dance music by the Mop Tops Beatles Tribute Band and modeling of crew uniforms from Flight Path's 1960's collection. The annual Clay Lacy and Charles "Pete" Conrad scholarships will be presented to promising aviation students.

The program will include a virtual tour of Los Angeles International Airport with special focus on current improvements. Also featured will be a wide range of prizes ranging from air travel to dining gift cards to select wines.

"The 1960's are remembered as colorful years of adventure in aviation and entertainment," said Adelman. "The Gala promises to recapture some of that spirit for the enjoyment of our guests."

Gala reservations at \$100 donation per person are available by calling (424) 646-7284. Reservations also may be made via Pay Pal with details posted on the Flight Path website [www.flightpathmuseum.com/](http://www.flightpathmuseum.com/) . Opportunities are available for table sponsorships. Those sponsoring tables or donating prizes will receive recognition at the event. Proceeds from the Gala benefit Flight Path's aviation education programs.

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